



## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

**[WY-923-1310-FI; WYW144977]**

### **Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease WYW144977,**

### **Wyoming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement from Black Hills Exploration & Productions Inc., Chesapeake AEZ Exploration LLC, Chesapeake Exploration LLC, Fossil Creek Resources LLC, Jastera LC, Khody Land & Minerals Company, Nerd Gas Company LLC, and Slawson Exploration Company Inc., for noncompetitive oil and gas lease WYW144977 for land in Niobrara County, Wyoming. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management, Julie L. Weaver, Chief, Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at 307-775-6176. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lessees have agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5 per acre or fraction thereof, per year and 16-2/3 percent, respectively. The lessees have paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$159 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this Federal Register notice. The lessees have met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the BLM is proposing to reinstate lease WYW144977 effective April 1, 2012, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. The BLM has not issued a valid lease to any other interest affecting the lands.

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